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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IT
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH FLORENCE MAYOR ELIO
GABBUGIANI

1. DURING THIRTY MINUTE COURTESY CALL JULY 19 WITH
ELIO GABBUGIANI (PCI), MAYOR OF FLORENCE, HE WENT OUT OF
HIS WAY TO TELL ME THAT:

(A) HE AND PCI SUPPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S
EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH THE SINGLE QUALIFICATION
THAT OTHER TWO BASKETS IN HELSINKI ACCORDS BE GIVEN
EQUAL EMPHASIS (FOR EXAMPLE, BY ALSO STRESSING DISARMAMENT
WE COULD GIVE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY "GREATER
CREDIBILITY):

(B) MOVEMENT OF COMMUNIST PARTIES OF WESTERN EUROPE
TOWARD GREATER DEMOCRACY AND INDEPENDENCE OF SOVIET UNION
WAS "IRREVERSIBLE". (COMMENT: STUDIED MANNER IN WHICH
MAYOR MADE THESE POINTS SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT BE
CONVEYING A MESSAGE AT REQUEST OF PCI LEADERSHIP).

2. AFTER THANKING HIM FOR THESE OBSERVATIONS I REPLIED
THAT U.S. EMBASSY WAS VERY CAREFULLY WATCHING WHAT PCI
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LEADERS AND PUBLICATIONS WERE SAYING, INCLUDING THEIR
COMMENTS ABOUT U.S. I NOTED THAT BULK OF COMMENT
IN MY VIEW WAS STILL STRONGLY ANTI-AMERICAN AND
MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY PECCHIOLI'S INSINUATION THAT
AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WERE RES-
PONSIBLE FOR VIOLENCE IN ITALY, AN INSINUATION
I ADDED THAT HAS BEEN REPEATED TO ME BY COMMUNIST

OFFICIALS DURING PROTOCOL CALLS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
IF PCI LEADERSHIP IS INDEED EVOLVING TOWARD MORE
REALISTIC VIEW OF WORLD, I CONCLUDED,THE MESSAGE DOES
NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED SUFFICIENTLY TO
REST OF PARTY LEADERSHIP AND RANK AND FILE. GABBUGGIANI
DID NOT CONTEST THESE OBSERVATIONS AND NODDED IN
SEEMING UNDERSTANDING. AT DINNER SAME EVENING HE TOLD
ME HE WOULD BE ATTENDING PCI DIRECTORATE MEETING IN
ROME JULY 20 AND WOULD REPORT TO BERLINGUER ON OUR
CONVERSATION.GARDNER

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